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## **Senator Stamas prepares legislation to stall the sale of stoplight controllers**

**Lansing** – Senator Tony Stamas (R-Midland) plans to introduce legislation outlawing the purchase, possession or use of stoplight controllers.

“These devices are extremely dangerous and potentially life threatening,” Stamas said. “Can you imagine the nightmare our roads would be if everybody had one? Medical first responders and law enforcement officials are the only drivers who need access to this type of equipment.”

Legislation soon to be introduced by both Stamas and Sen. Jud Gilbert (R-Algonac) would prohibit residents from purchasing, obtaining, possessing or using such devices, and establish penalties for offenders.

Known as Mobile Infrared Transmitters (MIRT), the devices emit a beam to receivers that are installed at intersections and when within a 1,500-foot range, they change the light immediately from red to green.

Since the devices operate on infrared signals, they do not emit radio signals like radar jammers and certain laser detectors and therefore do not violate Federal Communications Commission guidelines.

Currently, the dashboard devices can be purchased for about \$300 apiece and allow motorists to change traffic lights from red to green with the press of a button.

The MIRTs for sale are knock offs of controllers originally designed for use by police and fire vehicles.

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**Editors Note: Downloadable comments from Senator Stamas are available on the Senate Majority Audiowire at:**  
[www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/audiowire](http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/audiowire).